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ALTAIR ENERGY BRINGS SOLAR ENERGY TO INDIANA SCHOOLS

In the fall of 2001, Altair Energy was awarded a contract by PSI Energy, a subsidiary of Cincinnati-based Cinergy Corp to install Photovoltaic systems in 8 Indiana schools. To date, six schools have been selected and have operating systems installed. Two systems were recently installed and commissioned by Altair's local contracting partner, Gaylor Electric.

Each of the 1200 W PV systems was designed to produce approximately 1500 kWh of energy. All installations include a computerized performance monitoring station so that "real-time" electricity generation and weather data are available to each classroom. Cinergy Corporation chose to fund the solar electric systems to educate students, their parents, and the community about the benefits of photovoltaics. The project is part of the company's demand-side management program.

The six currently participating schools include: Rushville Consolidated High School, Carmel High School, Greenwood Community School, Doe Creek Middle School, W. Lafayette High School and the New Albany High School.

Heliotronics provided the Data Acquisition Systems, which allow the students to track the PV systems performance (AC and DC) by using a real time power monitor. Each monitor includes an anemometer and kWh meter, and measures irradiance along with module and ambient temperature.

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